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## **Pineridge Chapter – Summer Edition Newsletter – August '25**

### ***President's Message***

Hello fellow Posties,

As we all know, Canada Post has had a very challenging time with labour and financial situations of late. The Heritage Club has been impacted in a big way as our annual funding and mailing privileges have been cancelled, for the foreseeable future, and we suspect that this might be a permanent situation.

Going forward, I don't know where this leaves the Heritage Club, which was the last company funded employee program at Canada Post! There used to be the National Post Office Hockey Championships, The Postal Olympics, bowling, baseball and curling leagues, the vehicle Rodeo, participation in Universal Postal Union competitions, sponsored Christmas and employee picnics, even a rifle club! But here we are, twenty years later, the CPC Heritage Club is the last employee program still standing...for now.

In order to control our expenses, we have adapted to this by shrinking our newsletter in content, font size, and type of envelopes, in order to minimize our mailing costs. We will also use your email addresses if you wish to get your news that way.

Because of the financial uncertainty, it is now more important than ever if you want to preserve this association of friends you made at work, to pay your dues annually, which are due in October, and attend some functions. It has been our mission for 36 years now, to keep the camaraderie among past workers of the postal service, alive.

Also, anyone thinking of travelling this Fall and Winter, should use our discounts with belairdirect travel insurance, formerly called Medoc, which is now associated with belairdirect home & auto Insurance.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the year at all our get togethers. It is always nice to meet up with friends.

So, stay safe, and we look forward to meeting once again.

*J.P.*

**Jean Pierre Leguerrier**

**President**

### Upcoming Event

Pineridge Chapter is having our next event on Thursday, September 18th, at The Mandarin Restaurant, 1725 Kingston Road, Pickering, at 12 noon.

The menu is varied and pleasing to everyone who has been there, and the company is great!

Please register early by calling or texting Pat, at 289-927-1521, and it is strongly recommended that you pay well before the event.

Our current pricing for this event:

\$20 for a Senior Paid Member of the Heritage Club  
\$25 for a Non-Senior Paid Member  
\$30 for a Non-Member wishing to attend with you

As most of you know, the current pricing for a Senior who gets a 20% discount at The Mandarin for lunch is over \$30.

Send in your e-payments to: *pineridgechapter14@gmail.com*, or your cheques made out **to Pineridge Heritage Club**, and mailed to: Pat Stephenson, Pineridge Heritage Club, 295 Bluejay Cres., Oshawa ON L1G 6X4. If you end up cancelling for any reason, we will refund your payment. Please note, for all our events, we recommend you call to register your attendance, it makes our lives so much easier. Also, please do not arrive too early: we need the time to set things up for you!

For this event, a quarter of the donation to the 50/50 draw will be going back to our club, to bolster our finances, and a quarter to a local charity.

At our last event, we celebrated our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday: long time friend and supporter, Bernie Snyder. Bernie is pictured here with his wife Jos, at our most recent event.



Pineridge Chapter use to have more events: day and multi-days bus trips, golfing and bowling, but as our aging population got older, the demand dropped. Should you have ideas for new events, please give our VP Debbie Greenwood a note.

## Helping Others

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Food Banks, and we thank everyone for their generous donations every time we hold an event.

We are now looking for a local charity who would accept our donations of soda can tabs, as our mailing privileges to send these to a Montreal charity have been cancelled by Canada Post.

Thank you for all your generous donations and thoughts in the past.

## Our Condolences to the Family and Friends

Florence Healey

## Welcome to all new members and retirees!

Candace Oelkers, Sarah Enright, Sunila Samara

## Life Events

Have you had any life events you would like the us to announce? Marriages, births, special anniversaries, special awards, deaths, hospitalizations, etc. Let us know so we can pay tribute.

## Special Offer from our sister Chapter, Humber

**You're Invited to a Lunch Cruise on the Grand River!**

Join us for a relaxing and scenic **three-hour cruise** on the beautiful **Grand River** on

**Friday, September 19, 2025**

We've reserved a **private boat** just for our group, and you'll enjoy a **delicious four-course meal** while taking in the sights along the river.

**What's Included:**

- Private boat cruise (3 hours)
- Four-course gourmet lunch
- Great company and a memorable experience!
- Taxes and gratuities

**Cost:** \$75 per person  
**Date:** Friday, September 19, 2025  
**Duration:** 3 hours (exact time to be confirmed)

**RSVP as soon as possible** to reserve your spot – space is limited!

Let us know if you're interested – we can't wait to cruise with you!

**All dining cruises include:**

- Complimentary refreshments from our Dockside Cafe on arrival
- Grazing platter for table upon boarding or snack in auditorium for Lunch Cruise
- Fresh-baked bread
- Mixed greens salad with choice of dressing
- Main Course Choice:**
  - Slow-cooked roast beef or baked chicken breast served with potatoes and vegetables or Vegan alternative - Moroccan vegetable bean soup served with vegetable samosa and rice
- Dessert Choice:**
  - Apple Crumble Pie
  - Classic Cheesecake

Gluten free, lactose free and vegan options also available

- Tea, coffee, soft drink

**Email your RSVP to**  
**[humberchapter2@hotmail.com](mailto:humberchapter2@hotmail.com)**








## THE POST HORN



### A POSTAL SERVICE STORY

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The Ottawa Post Office, circa 1877



The Ottawa Post Office, Customs & Inland Revenue building, was once the pride of Ottawa. Built in 1876, the building was located where the National War Memorial sits today. The building was used as a Post Office until 1936, and then demolished in 1938.

The “old” post office, as it was lovingly remembered, was, according to the *Ottawa Citizen* newspaper, “one of the prettiest public structures in Canada”, with a Romanesque-revival facade, mansard-style roof, and fourteen figureheads representing mythological and historical characters, acting as keystones.

Ref.: Wikipedia

### The “LIFE is GOOD” Section

Weren't we lucky to have been young and stupid before camera phones?

Tell your kids to rev it up in their 20's, 30's, and 40's. In their 50's, the "Check Engine" light comes on!!

It takes longer to become good at golf that it does brain surgery. On the other hand, you seldom get to ride around in a cart, drink beer and eat hot dogs while performing brain surgery.



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### **GoodLife Fitness Discount**

The GoodLife Fitness subscription year usually starts the month you pay it. If you intend to apply under the Heritage Club discount, you must have been a paid member to join, and for the following year, as that is how GLF recognizes you to give out the discount.

**Corporate Membership Benefits:** waived enrollment fee exclusive to corporate partners. Add a family member on your corporate rate. State-of-the-art cardio equipment. Free weights & machines. Showers available. World-renowned Group Fitness classes (select memberships). Professionally trained staff to assist you in achieving your goals. 24-hour locations (select Clubs).

### **Why Join? – The Membership Advantages**

- **belairdirect** (formerly Johnson) Home and Car Insurance: discounts of up to 35%.
- **belairdirect** travel insurance (formerly **MEDOC**)
- **belairdirect** scholarships for your children.
- **GoodLife Fitness**: discounts up to 50% off the regular all club access rates.
- **HearingLife**: discounts up to 10% with price matching in effect.
- **Specsavers**: discounts on glasses.
- **Genumark**: access to Corporate branded apparel.
- **Pineridge Chapter** discounts to events and/or luncheons.
- **Heritage Club scholarships** for your kids and grandkids of \$2,000 per school year.
- **And...** The knowledge that a portion of your dues support local families and charities in need.

**IMPORTANT:** In order to benefit from these discounts, you must mention your Heritage Club membership number, and you must have paid your membership dues to the Pineridge Chapter for the current year or more, otherwise coverage could be denied or terminated.

### **Your Committee Members**

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**Payment for dues and luncheons:** Cheques for luncheons and membership dues should be made out to: **Pineridge Heritage Club**, and sent to our address: P. Stephenson, Treasurer, Pineridge Heritage Club, 295 Bluejay Cres., Oshawa ON L1G 6X4.

You may also do an e-payment at: [pineridgechapter14@gmail.com](mailto:pineridgechapter14@gmail.com)